Sponsored Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme, with effect from 01.12.1997 on All India basis including in the State of Andhra Pradesh with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor. Central funds amounting to Rs. 5019.06 lakhs were released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh under SJSRY from 01.12.1997 to 31.03.2001 and during the year 2001-02 an amount of Rs. 331.51 lakhs has been allocated to the State Government.

As on 31.1.2002, Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported that 51017 beneficiaries have been assisted for setting up of micro-enterprises under Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP) and 74.19 lakhs of mandays of works have been generated under Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP) of SJSRY.

(e) SJSRY will continue in the 10th Plan period with a view to alleviate urban poverty all over India including in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Development of Urbanised Villages of Delhi

†441. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any instructions to Delhi Development Authority for the development of urbanised villages of Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Delhi Development Authority has taken any steps, so far, in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Special Scheme to deal with increasing Slums in Cities

†442. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Jhuggies are continuously increasing in different cities of the country, including Delhi;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to formulate any special scheme to solve this problem; and

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.